

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Of those claims, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11-14 stand rejected. Claims 4, 7, 10 and 15 are objected to only as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to contain all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Additionally, claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being unclear, for including the phrase "at least about".

Responsive to the Office Action, Applicant herein amends independent claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable claim 4 and intervening claims 2 and 3. Claims 2, 3 and 4 are cancelled. Claim 5 is amended to conform the language thereof to the new language of amended claim 1. Claim 1 and remaining claims 5-7 that depend therefrom, are now believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art and allowable.

Independent claim 8 is amended to include the patentable limitations of allowable claim 10. Claim 10 is cancelled. Claim 9 is amended to overcome the § 112, second paragraph, rejection, by deletion of the term "about". Accordingly, amended claim 8, and claims 9, 11 and 12 that depend therefrom, are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art and allowable.

Independent claim 13 is amended to include the patentable limitations of allowable claim 15. Claims 14 and 15 are cancelled. Accordingly, amended claim 13 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art and allowable.

New claim 16 is original claim 1, rewritten to include the limitations of allowable claim 7 and intervening claim 5. New claims 17, 18 and 19 are original claims 3, 4 and 6 rewritten to depend from new claim 16. Accordingly, the new claims are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art and allowable.

None of the cited prior art references disclose all of the novel features of the claims presented hereinabove. Accordingly, all of the claims are believed to be patentably

distinguishable over the cited prior art and allowable. Favorable action of all of the claims is therefore respectfully requested.

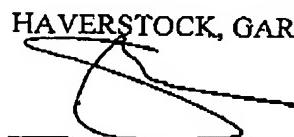
The present amendment adds one new independent claim and three new dependent claims and cancels six original dependent claims. Accordingly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge \$100.00 from our Deposit Account No. 08-1280 to cover the additional fee due as shown on the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record form. This is your authority to charge any deficiency or additional charges to our Deposit Account No. 08-1280.

A two month extension of time is requested to extend the time for submitting this Amendment. The Office Action was mailed on September 19, 2005, and the initial three month period in which to submit a response ended on December 19, 2005. The two month extension of time extends the response time up to and including February 19, 2006, which is a Sunday, and thus to Tuesday, February 21, 2006, since Monday, February 20, 2006 is observed as Presidents' Day. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$225.00 from our Deposit Account No. 08-1280 to cover the charge for an extension of two months as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(2) for a small entity. This is also your authority to charge any further credit or deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1280.

If the Examiner has any further requirements or suggestions for placing the present claims in condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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